**Newmanstown Water Authority**

**February 22, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Newmanstown Water Authority was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance were:

John Kantner Steve Hickernell Robin Bomgardner

Susan Harper Scott Sweigart William Zimmerman

Leonard Ontkos Charles Duffy David Bright

In attendance by phone:

Carl Kreiner

A motion was made to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes by Lenny. Seconded by Steve. All aye. Minutes approved.

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of January was 3,471,664. The average chlorine residual was 1.56% and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 01/06 /21. Steve reported that the tri-annual testing for Uranium (9 year), Radium (3 year) and Alpha Radioactivity (3 year) were done by M J Reider and all were in compliance.

Steve reported there was a water main break on Memorial Boulevard on 02/04/21. The repair was completed by A H Moyer and all went well, no boil water advisory had to be issued.

Steve discussed the recent hacking of the water system in Florida. He reassured the board that the measures we have in place and the few people that have access keep our system fairly safe.

Dave reported that he is still has not heard anything on the DRBC application. He has had no correspondence with Penn Dot on the 419 project nor has heard anything on the Cold Summit project. Copies of letters received by the Womelsdorf/Robesonia Authority and the Newmanstown Water Authority from Richland Borough were discussed. The letters differed in that the letter to Womelsdorf/Robesonia stated they were not interested in working with them at this time, and the letter to Newmanstown stated they would like discussion to continue. Newmanstown remains open for further discussion with Richland if they so desire.

Dave reported that SSM is working on the Consumer Confidence Report and will have it to us for communication with our customers. He mentioned that a letter was sent to the customer that called concerning low water pressure and to date has not heard any response to the letter.

Dave reported that annual reports were submitted for the DRBC audit, the DEP Chapter 110 Report, and the Source Water Protection Report to DEP.

Susan reported that the website will be up and running soon, final information was sent to Echo Valley Graphics. The State Ethics Commission Statements of Financial Interests were completed and signed by Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Items discussed previously was all to report under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There are 22 accounts that are delinquent from the 4th quarter, these accounts have been sent to collections. Water to the property at 127 East Main Street remains shut off and the account has not been paid.

Discussion was held on raising the tapping fee. A hand out that was compiled by Dave for calculation of maximum taping fee rates was given. It was also explained about previous improvements constructed and paid for by developers in lieu of paying tapping fees. Resolution 2021-05 was proposed to raise the tapping fee from $3,068 to $3,535. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Charlie. The majority voted aye, one nay, so approved.

Bids for new lighting in the garage were received from Rittle, Schatz and C M High. Discussion was held as to having 5,000 or 7,000 lumens. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Lenny to go with 7,000 lumens, which was granted to C M High at $2,825.00. All aye, so approved. Contact will be made to C M High.

The bills for February 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Robin to approve the bills, all aye, so approved.

The treasurer’s report for the month of February 2021 was read and Charlie made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as read and seconded by Bill. All aye. Treasurer’s report approved.

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 29, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harper, Secretary